

Veterans Organizations — Continued

Arvin, District 9: 130 North Acala Street, Arvin, CA 93203

Coalinga, District 24: 800 East Polk Street, Coalinga, CA 93210

Corcoran, District 24: 1036 James Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212

Delano, District 9: 1025 Garces Highway, Delano, CA 93215

Foothill, District 9: 2101 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, CA 93305

Kettleman Hills, District 24: 108 East Kings Street, Avenal, CA 93204

Kingsburg, District 11: 1551 6th Avenue Drive, Kingsburg, CA 93631

Lamont, District 9: 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, CA 93241

Lemoore, District 24: 411 West “D” Street, Lemoore, CA 93245

Nisei Liberty, District 24: 401 North Irwin, Hanford, CA 93230

Verdun, District 11: 3085 West Mt. Whitney, Riverdale, CA 93656

Wasco, District 9: 603 “E” Street, Wasco, CA 93280

Other Groups

Civil Air Patrol: Reeves Field Skyhawks, SQ 471, NAS Lemoore, CA 93245
(559) 998-0100

Military Order of the Louse: 1301 Taft Highway #33, Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 834-2812

Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 604: 3000 South Chester Avenue,
#102, Bakersfield, CA 93304-5885 **(661) 834-4261** **www.purpleheart.org**

Fleet Reserve Association, Bakersfield Branch 26: 5709 Panorama Drive,
Bakersfield, CA 93306 **(661) 872-1987** **www.fra.org**

Marine Corps League: 1727 Glenwood Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93306
(661) 871-0495 **www.mcleague.org**

Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 261: 788 East “D” Street, Lemoore, CA 93245
(559) 924-9939

Marine Corps League: P.O. Box 502, Armona, CA 93203 **(559) 582-2773**

Military Order of the Turtles: 10833 Highland Court, Hanford, CA 93230

Pearl Harbor Survivors: 409 Central Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230

Web Sites

Vietnam Veterans Home Page: **www.vietvet.org**

This homepage provides an interactive, online forum for Vietnam veterans and their families and friends to exchange information, stories, poems, songs, art, pictures and experiences in any publishable form.

Sergeant Mom's Veterans and Retirees Links: **www.sgtmoms.com**

Sgt. Mom's is owned and maintained by an Army wife and stay-at-home mother of three. It is a casual, friendly, useful and informative place for military families to search the web.

Veterans Alliance Service Center: **http://vets.com**

Vets.Com is the veterans' internet guide. It is America's #1 source for veteran information.

Center for Women Veterans: **www.va.gov/womenvet**

The mission of the Center for Women Veterans is to ensure that women veterans receive the same benefits and services as male veterans, encounter no discrimination in their attempt to access these services, and are treated with respect and dignity by VA service providers. The center also acts as the primary advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters related to programs, issues and initiatives for and affecting women veterans.

Gulf War Veterans Resource Pages: **www.gulfwar.com**

The Gulf War Veterans' Resource Pages provide news of interest to Gulf War veterans, advice to organizations supporting these veterans, and information and links designed to help veterans cope with Gulf War Syndrome. In addition, they maintain links to sites offering support to veterans of other eras.

The American War Library: **www.members.aol.com/veterans**

The Library is accessible 24 hours a day from any modem worldwide. Included on the library are thousands of pages of data, statistics, documentation and files on all of America's military missions.

Los Angeles Vietnam Veterans Alliance, Inc.: **www.namvets.org**

P.O. Box 523, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-053
The Los Angeles Vietnam Veterans Alliance, Inc. (LAVVA) was founded in 1990 to create a positive image for Vietnam War veterans by being an informative source of their accomplishments and needs. LAVVA is a nonprofit corporation.

Veterans

BENEFITS & SERVICES





NICOLE M. PARRA
ASSEMBLYWOMAN, 30TH DISTRICT

Dear Friend:

Over three million veterans live in the state of California. This represents the largest veteran population in America. I feel strongly that providing assistance to these veterans and their families is the very least we can do to repay them for their dedicated service. We must continue to recognize and reward their sacrifices.



There are many organizations, agencies, and websites devoted to informing and assisting these patriots. I hope that this brochure will serve as a guide to the opportunities available to them.

As the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs, I am committed to serving our veterans in any of their concerns. Please write, call, or visit me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Nicole M. Parra
Assemblywoman, 30th District

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United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA)

The USDVA provides education and vocational rehabilitation benefits, home loans, service-connected disability compensation, medical and dental care, burial benefits, appeals, readjustment counseling and life insurance.

Los Angeles Regional Office: 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024
(800) 827-1000 www.va.gov

Fresno Vet Center: 3636 North 1st Street, Suite 112, Fresno, CA 93726
(800) 827-0648

Medical Facilities

VA Central California Health Care System: 2615 East Clinton Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726 (559) 225-6100

VA South Valley Out Patient Clinic: 1050 North Cherry Street, Tulare, CA 93274
(559) 684-8703

Bakersfield Community Based Outpatient Clinic: 1801 West Wind Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 632-1871

Toll Free Numbers for Contacting the VA

VA Benefits including: Education, Home Loan, Disability, Medical Care, Burial, Life Insurance, Sexual Trauma **1-800-827-1000**

Life Insurance: 1-800-669-8477

Education (GI Bill): 1-888-442-4551

Health Care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387

Income Verification and Means Testing: 1-800-929-8387

Mammography Helpline: 1-888-492-7844

Gulf War/Agent Orange Helpline: 1-800-749-8387

Memorial Programs: 1-800-697-6947

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 1-800-829-4833

Veterans and dependents may be eligible for benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The district office staff assists with obtaining these benefits through the process of application and representation of claims.

California Department of Veterans Affairs (Cal Vet)

Main Office: 1227 O Street, Room 300, Sacramento, CA 95814
(800) 952-LOAN www.cdva.ca.gov

Cal Vet Home Loans: 1227 O Street, Room 101, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001 (800) 952-LOAN

Memorial Commission: 1227 O Street, Room 300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (800) 808-2862

License Plates: 1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 503-8396 or local DMV www.cdva.ca.gov

Educational Assistance: 1227 O Street, Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 653-2573
(800) 952-LOAN

Benefits for Women Veterans: 1227 O St., Room 300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 653-2551
(800) 952-LOAN

Veterans Organizations

American Legion

The American Legion, chartered in 1919 by the United States Congress, is a patriotic, community service veterans' organization with 3 million members, including men and women, in nearly 16,000 posts worldwide.

Bakersfield Post No. 26: 2020 "H" Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 324-9453

Bakersfield Post No. 682: 130 Goodman Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305 (661) 327-3698

Delano Post No. 124: 729 Kensington Street, Delano, CA 93215 (661) 721-2918

Hanford Post No. 3: P.O. Box 1322, Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 784-1367

Lemoore Post No. 100: 295 Lombardy, Lemoore, CA 93245 (559) 924-3387

Veterans of Foreign Wars

The eligibility qualifications are the fundamental difference between this and other veterans' organizations. There are three requirements for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States: (1) citizenship; (2) honorable service in the armed services; and (3) service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the Congressional Charter and/or By-Laws.

VFW: Federal Building, Room 5202, 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024 (310) 477-1791 www.vfw.org

